[Shri Narayan Datt Tiwari]

have also received a letter from Mr. Madhusudan and others. We will be taking a decision very shortly.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question is:

"That the Bill be returned."

The motion was adopted.

RE. BOMB EXPLOSION IN CAPITAL

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): Madam, I am grateful to you for permitting me to raise this matter. I am happy that the Leader of the House and the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs are also here. As I said earlier, there had been a bomb explosion in the heart of New Delhi in Connaught Circus. The newly constructed LIC Building there housed the American Citi Bank and it was there that this explosion took place. There have been a number of casualties. Because I have varying figures about how many died and how many have been injured, I am not mentioning any figure. But there have been deaths and a number of people have been injured. At this point of time, I am not in a position to say that this is a continuation of what is happening in Punjab or what happened in Haryana the day before yesterday. But, on the face of it, *prima facie*, it would seem to be that. It is imperative that the Home Minister makes an immediate statement in the afternoon before the House rises today on what has happened and what our apprehensions are and what the Government proposes to do to see that this definite and imminent threat to the welfare and the peace and tranquillity of the capital also is properly met. I request, through the Leader of the House, that the Home Minister makes a statement in the afternoon today.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs will get in touch with the Minister of Home Affairs.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Yes, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Virendra Verma. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: (Karnataka): Are you not adjourning the House?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What will happen to the Special Mentions? (*Interruptions*) All right. In the afternoon, we will take up all the Bills and then the Special Mentions. Now the House stands adjourned for lunch. We will meet again at 3 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at eight minutes past two of the clock.

3.00 P.M.

The house reassembled after lunch at three minute past three of the clock

[**The Vice-Chairman (Shri Jagesh desai)** in the Chair].

I. THE CUSTOMS AND CENTRAL EXCISES LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1988

II. THE CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1988

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): Mr. Vice-Chairman, I beg to move—

"That the Bill further to amend the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944 and the Customs and Excise Revenues Appellate Tribunal Act, 1986, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Sir, I also beg to move—

"That the Bill further to amend the Customs Act, 1962, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

It has always been the endeavour of the Government to simplify, rationalise and streamline law and procedure relating to Customs and Central Excise duties.